THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (DR. U. VENKATESWARLU) : (a) The DDA has reported that its parks are being maintained properly and no funds meant for park has been diverted.

(b) and (c). Out of 2955 parks, there are encroachments in 151 parks. These are old encroachments. Action for removal of these encroachments is taken after following due process of law. However to check further encroachments following actions are taken :

- Construction of boundary wall.
- Intensive watch and ward.
- Demolition of fresh encroachment.

Infrastructure Programme

823. SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have been implementing a quality infrastructure programme to promote the quality of electronic goods produced in the country to compete in the foreign market;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the extent to which the programme has been successful during the last five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. YOGINDER K. ALAGH) : (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Standardization Testing and Quality Certification (STQC) is one of the major infrastructure provided by the Department of Electronics to assist electronic industries in the country to improve quality of their products so as to make them globally competitive. Under STQC programme, there is a network of 22 laboratories in the country. These laboratories are providing the services viz. Testing, Calibration, Quality Consultancy and Counselling, Developmental Assistance and Training for Quality improvement.

2. In order to enable electronic industry in the country to compete globally, STQC has introduced and implemented various certification schemes such as :

- Quality System Management ISO 9000 (SQ Scheme)
- Safety (S Mark)
- Electromagnetic Compatability (EMC) mark
- International Electro-technical Commission for Quality Assessment of Electronic Components - IECQ.

3. With an objective to gain international acceptability and recognition for STQC services, STQC has signed Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with leading International Organisations such as British Standards Institution (BSI) QA-UK, Japan Quality Assurance Organisation (JQA) - Japan, KAITECH-Korea, Underwriters Laboratories (UL)-USA, CEPREI-China, VDE-Germany, NSAI-Ireland, HKQAA-Hongkong for mutual recognition of certification and testing services.

(c) STQC programme is successful and electronics industry in the country has been showing encouraging response to this programme. Since the operation of various certification schemes, a number of industries have been certified for ISO-9000 (SQ), Safety (S Mark), EMC and IECQ.

Neelam Oil Field

824. SHRI S.D.N.R. WADIYAR : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether Neelam Oil Field is facing closure;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the private sector companies participating in the exploration of Oil in the Oil Field;

(d) whether the Government proposes to ask those private sector companies to withdraw from Neelam;

(e) whether ONGC would be asked to go alone in that case; and

(f) the other steps are taken to rehabilitate that oil field?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) to (e). There is no exploration activity presently going on, as the development of the field is over. The operations of the field are being managed by ONGC and no private company is operating in the Neelam Oil field.

(f) Some of the major steps being taken to rehabilitation the oil field are :

(i) Extensive work over programme is being undertaken by ONGC. Wells are being put on artificial lift (gas lift, auto gas lift and jet pumps) systems.

(ii) ONGC is interacting with international experts for determining the strategy for tackling the production problems.

(iii) Options are being explored by ONGC about the possibility of entering into 'strategic alliance' with other exploration and production company to improve the performance of the field.